IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims of the application as set forth below:

- 1. (Previously presented) Fly ash characterized by
 - a. substantially uniform spherical shape;
 - b. greater than about 90% of the particles have a diameter of less than 11 μ m, greater than about 60% of the particles have a diameter of less than 5.5 μ m, and greater than about 15% of the particles have a diameter of less than 1.375 μ m;
 - c. a median particle diameter of less than about 4.0 μ m; and
 - d. a range of particle diameters of from about 0.1 μ m to about 70 μ m.
- 2. (Previously presented) The fly ash of claim 1, wherein greater than about 93% of the particles have a diameter of less than 11 μ m, greater than about 70% of the particles have a diameter of less than 5.5 μ m, and greater than about 18% of the particles have a diameter of less than 1.375 μ m.
- 3. (Previously presented) The fly ash of claim 1, wherein the median particle diameter is less than about 3.0 μ m.
- 4. (Previously presented) The fly ash of claim 1, wherein the range of particle diameters is from about 0.9 μ m to about 62 μ m.

- 5. (Previously presented) The fly ash of claim 1, wherein
- a) greater than about 93% of the particles have a diameter of less than 11 μ m, greater than about 70% of the particles have a diameter of less than 5.5 μ m, and greater than about 18% of the particles have a diameter of less than 1.375 μ m;
- b) the median particle diameter is less than about 3.0 μ m; and
- c) the range of particle diameters is from about 0.9 μ m to about 62 μ m.
- 6. (Previously presented) The fly ash of claim 5, which is prepared by grinding unfractionated fly ash.
- 7. (Previously presented) A concrete comprising about 1 part by weight cementitious materials, about 1 to about 3 parts by weight fine aggregate, about 1 to about 5 parts by weight coarse aggregate, and about 0.35 to about 0.6 parts by weight water, wherein the cementitious materials comprise from about 10% to about 50% by weight the fly ash of claim 1 and about 50% to about 90% by weight cement.
- 8. (Previously presented) A concrete comprising about 1 part by weight cementitious materials, about 1 to about 3 parts by weight fine aggregate, about 1 to about 5 parts by weight coarse aggregate, and about 0.35 to about 0.6 parts by weight water, wherein the cementitious materials comprise from about 10% to about 50% by weight the fly ash of claim 5 and about 50% to about 90% by weight cement.
- 9. (Previously presented) The concrete of claim 7 further comprising silica fume.

- 10. (Previously presented) The concrete of claim 7 further comprising glass fibers.
- 11. (Previously presented) A mortar comprising about 1 part by weight cementitious materials, about 1 to about 3 parts by weight fine aggregate, and about 0.35 to about 0.6 parts by weight water, wherein the cementitious materials comprise from about 10% to about 50% by weight the fly ash of claim 1 and about 50% to about 90% by weight cement.
- 12. (Previously presented) A mortar comprising about 1 part by weight cementitious materials, about 1 to about 3 parts by weight fine aggregate, and about 0.35 to about 0.6 parts by weight water, wherein the cementitious materials comprise from about 10% to about 50% by weight the fly ash of claim 5 and about 50% to about 90% by weight cement.
- 13. (Previously presented) The mortar of claim 12 further comprising silica fume.
- 14. (Previously presented) The mortar of claim 12 further comprising glass fibers.
- 15. (Currently amended) Fly ash prepared by processing fly ash so as to shift the size distribution to have the following characteristics:
- a) substantially uniform spherical shape; greater than about 90% of the particles have a diameter of less than 11 μ m, greater than about 60% of the particles have a diameter of less than 5.5 μ m, and greater than about 15% of the particles have a diameter of less than 1.375 μ m;

- c) a median particle diameter of less than about 4.0 μ m; and
- a range of particle diameters of from about 0.1 μm to about 70 μm[.]; and
 wherein the said processing comprises grinding with a fluidized bed grinding process
 using a ratio of one part unfractionated fly ash with four parts grinding media (by volume).
- 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Currently amended) The fly ash of claim [16] <u>15</u> wherein the grinding media is zirconium silicate.
- 18. (Currently amended) The fly ash of claim [16] <u>15</u> wherein the grinding media is carbon steel.
- 19. (Previously presented) A concrete comprising about 1 part by weight cementitious materials, about 1 to about 3 parts by weight fine aggregate, about 1 to about 5 parts by weight coarse aggregate, and about 0.35 to about 0.6 parts by weight water, wherein the cementitious materials comprise from about 10% to about 50% by weight the fly ash of claim 15 and about 50% to about 90% by weight cement.
- 20. (Previously presented) The concrete of Claim 19, further comprising silica fume.
- 21. (Previously presented) The concrete of Claim 19, further comprising glass fibers.

- 22. (Previously presented) A concrete comprising about 1 part by weight cementitious materials, about 1 to about 3 parts by weight fine aggregate, about 1 to about 5 parts by weight coarse aggregate, and about 0.35 to about 0.6 parts by weight water, wherein the cementitious materials comprise from about 10% to about 50% by weight the fly ash of claim 17 and about 50% to about 90% by weight cement.
- 23. (Previously presented) The concrete of claim 22 further comprising silica fume.
- 24. (Previously presented) The concrete of claim 22 further comprising glass fibers.
- 25. (Previously presented) A mortar comprising about 1 part by weight cementitious materials, about 1 to about 3 parts by weight fine aggregate, and about 0.35 to about 0.6 parts by weight water, wherein the cementitious materials comprise from about 10% to about 50% by weight the fly ash of claim 15 and about 50% to about 90% by weight cement.
- 26. (Previously presented) A mortar comprising about 1 part by weight cementitious materials, about 1 to about 3 parts by weight fine aggregate, and about 0.35 to about 0.6 parts by weight water, wherein the cementitious materials comprise from about 10% to about 50% by weight the fly ash of claim 17 and about 50% to about 90% by weight cement.
- 27. (Previously presented) The mortar of claim 26 further comprising silica fume.

- 28. (Previously presented) The mortar of claim 26 further comprising glass fibers.
- 29. (Currently amended) A method for preparing fly ash comprising processing fly ash so as to shift the size distribution to have the following characteristics:
- a) substantially uniform spherical shape;
- b) greater than about 90% of the particles have a diameter of less than 11 μ m, greater than about 60% of the particles have a diameter of less than 5.5 μ m, and greater than about 15% of the particles have a diameter of less than 1.375 μ m;
- c) a median particle diameter of less than about 4.0 μ m; and
- a range of particle diameters of from about 0.1 μm to about 70 μm[.]; and
 wherein said processing comprises grinding with a fluidized bed grinding process
 using a ratio of one part unfractionated fly ash with four parts grinding media (by volume).
- 30. (Canceled)
- 31. (Currently amended) The method according to claim [30] <u>29</u>, wherein the grinding media is zirconium silicate.
- 32. (Currently amended) The method according to claim [30] <u>29</u>, wherein the grinding media is carbon steel.
- 33. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 29 wherein the fly ash is dry bottom boiler fly ash.

- 34. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 29 wherein the fly ash is wet bottom boiler fly ash.
- 35. (Currently amended) Fly ash prepared by processing fly ash so as to shift the size distribution to have the following characteristics:
- a) substantially uniform spherical shape;
- b) greater than about 90% of the particles have a diameter of less than 12 μ m, greater than about 50% of the particles have a diameter of less than 5 μ m, and greater than about 15% of the particles have a diameter of less than 2.3 μ m;
- c) a median particle diameter of less than about 6.0 μ m; and
- d) a range of particle diameters of from about 0.78 μm to about 30 μm[.]; and wherein said processing comprises grinding the fly ash with a grinding medium in a non-expanded bed, and the volume of fly ash is less than the void volume of the grinding medium.
- 36. (Canceled)
- 37. (Currently amended) The fly ash of Claim [36] <u>35</u>, wherein the ratio of fly ash to grinding medium is about 1 part fly ash to about 4 parts grinding medium, by volume.
- 38. (Currently amended) The fly ash of Claim [36] <u>35</u>, wherein the ratio of fly ash to grinding medium is about 1 part fly ash to about 18 parts grinding medium, by weight.

- 39. (Currently amended) The fly ash of claim [36] <u>35</u> wherein the grinding media comprises carbon steel or stainless steel.
- 40. (Previously presented) A concrete comprising about 1 part by weight cementitious materials, about 1 to about 3 parts by weight fine aggregate, about 1 to about 5 parts by weight coarse aggregate, and about 0.35 to about 0.6 parts by weight water, wherein the cementitious materials comprise from about 10% to about 50% by weight the fly ash of claim 35 and about 50% to about 90% by weight cement.
- 41. (Previously presented) The concrete of Claim 40, further comprising silica fume, glass fibers, or a combination thereof.
- 42. (Currently amended) A concrete comprising about 1 part by weight cementitious materials, about 1 to about 3 parts by weight fine aggregate, about 1 to about 5 parts by weight coarse aggregate, and about 0.35 to about 0.6 parts by weight water, wherein the cementitious materials comprise from about 10% to about 50% by weight of the fly ash of claim [36] 35 and about 50% to about 90% by weight cement.
- 43. (Previously presented) The concrete of Claim 42, wherein the ratio of fly ash to grinding medium is about 1 part fly ash to about 4 parts grinding medium, by volume.
- 44. (Previously presented) The concrete of Claim 42, wherein the ratio of fly ash to grinding medium is about 1 part fly ash to about 18 parts grinding medium, by weight.

- 45. (Previously presented) The concrete of Claim 42, wherein the grinding medium comprises carbon steel.
- 46. (Previously presented) The concrete of Claim 42, further comprising silica fume, glass fibers, or a combination thereof.
- 47. (Previously presented) A mortar comprising about 1 part by weight cementitious materials, about 1 to about 3 parts by weight fine aggregate, and about 0.35 to about 0.6 parts by weight water, wherein the cementitious materials comprise from about 10% to about 50% by weight the fly ash of claim 35 and about 50% to about 90% by weight cement.
- 48. (Currently amended) A mortar comprising about 1 part by weight cementitious materials, about 1 to about 3 parts by weight fine aggregate, and about 0.35 to about 0.6 parts by weight water, wherein the cementitious materials comprise from about 10% to about 50% by weight of the fly ash of claim [36] 35 and about 50% to about 90% by weight cement.
- 49. (Previously presented) The mortar of Claim 48, wherein the ratio of fly ash to grinding medium is about 1 part fly ash to about 4 parts grinding medium by volume.
- 50. (Previously presented) The mortar of Claim 48, wherein the ratio of fly ash to grinding medium is about 1 part fly ash to about 18 parts grinding medium, by weight.

- 51. (Previously presented) The mortar of Claim 48, wherein the grinding medium is carbon steel.
- 52. (Previously presented) The mortar of Claim 48, wherein the grinding medium is stainless steel.
- 53. (Previously presented) The mortar of Claim 48, further comprising silica fume, glass fibers, or a combination thereof.
- 54. (Currently amended) A method for preparing fly ash comprising processing fly ash so as to shift the size distribution to have the following characteristics:
- a) substantially uniform spherical shape;
- greater than about 90% of the particles have a diameter of less than 12 μ m, greater than about 50% of the particles have a diameter of less than 5 μ m, and greater than about 15% of the particles have a diameter of less than 2.3 μ m;
- c) a median particle diameter of less than about 6.0 μ m; and
- d) a range of particle diameters of from about 0.78 μm to about 30 μm[.]; and wherein said method comprising grinding the fly ash with a grinding medium in a non-expanded bed, wherein the volume of fly ash is less than the void volume of the grinding medium.
- 55. (Canceled)

- 56. (Currently amended) The method of Claim [55] <u>54</u>, wherein the ratio of fly ash to grinding medium is about 1 part fly ash to about 4 parts grinding medium, by volume.
- 57. (Currently amended) The method of Claim [55] <u>54</u>, wherein the ratio of fly ash to grinding medium is about 1 part fly ash to about 18 parts grinding medium, by weight.
- 58. (Currently amended) The method of Claim [55] <u>54</u>, wherein the grinding medium comprises stainless steel.
- 59. (Currently amended) The method of Claim [55] <u>54</u>, wherein the grinding medium comprises carbon steel.
- 60. (Previously amended) The method of Claim 54, wherein the fly ash is dry bottom boiler fly ash.
- 61. (Previously amended) The method of Claim 54, wherein the fly ash is wet bottom boiler fly ash.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Replacement drawings are attached for all of Figures 1-23. With respect to Figures 13 through 23 a copy set of the original figures 13-23 is appended which are marked to show the changes in same which are to be found in the replacement drawings Figures 13 through 23.